

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 2.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A balloon catheter, comprising:

a longitudinal shaft having a lumen in fluid communication with a catheter tip; and

a tubular balloon having proximal and distal ends attached to said shaft such that

said balloon is coaxially aligned with said shaft, and a plurality of adjacent annular restraining rings formed integrally with the balloon between said proximal and distal ends, said restraining rings being configured to limit radial expansion of said balloon at said restraining rings, while enabling generally uniform circumferential expansion of said balloon on each side of said rings radially beyond the rings when the balloon is inflated;

wherein said balloon is configured such that a proximal lobe is formed when said balloon is inflated that extends in a proximal direction at least partially past the distal most point of a proximal cuff of said balloon.

4. (Original) The balloon catheter of claim 3, wherein a plurality of said restraining rings are disposed at a central portion of said balloon, so as to form proximal and distal lobes when said balloon is inflated.

5. (Original) The balloon catheter of claim 3, wherein said restraining rings are spaced apart.